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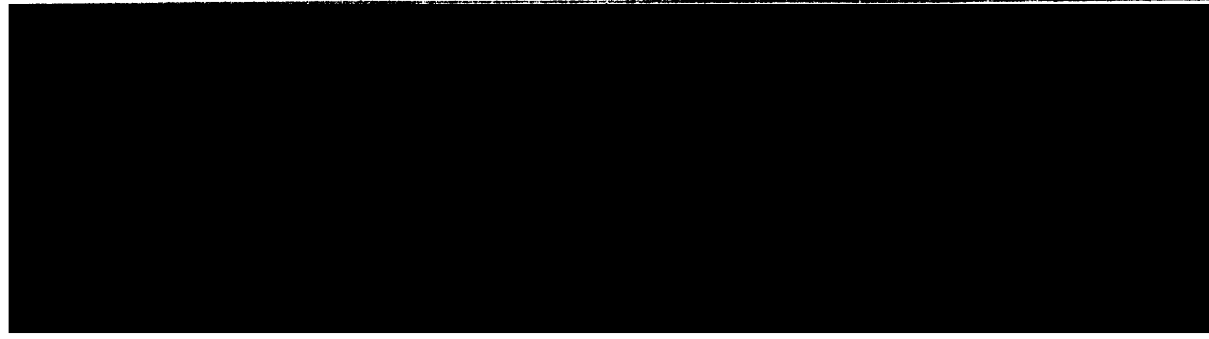
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1. The large numbers of Soviet troops stationed in Arad and Timisoara has resulted in a considerable increase in the cost of food in those cities during the past year.
2. Prices in lei of food staples in Arad, Timisoara and Bucharest at the present time are as follows:

Production	Unit	Arad	Timisoara	Bucharest
Flour	kilogram	125	125-130	100-110
Butter	kilogram	800	900	900
Eggs	each	22	25	20-22
Beef (black market)	kilogram	160	160	180
Pork (black market)	kilogram	240	240	220
Pork on the hoof	kilogram	135	135	100-120
Sunflower seed oil	liter	320	300	250
Lard	kilogram	380	380	340
Onions	kilogram	70	75	45
Potatoes	kilogram	25	30	25

3. Other food products sold in state stores in Arad and Timisoara bring the same prices as in Bucharest.

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